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In re Application of:

NOBUKO YAMAMOTO ET AL.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Since the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003, copies of these documents are not enclosed. Copies of the other listed documents are enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found, inter alia, in the English language abstracts attached thereto and/or in the specification where they are cited. Also, the concise explanation of relevance for JP 6-133798 and JP 11-187900, respectively, may be found in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,708,159 and


6,476,215 B1, which are in the same patent family. Further, the concise explanation of relevance for JP 10-304896 and JP 10-304897 may be found in U.S. Patent No. 5,763,188, which are all in the same patent family.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

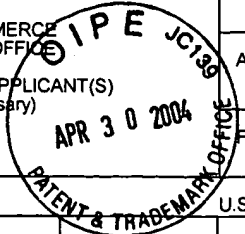
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